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Enclosed herewith for filing is a copy of the International Search Report in the corresponding PCT application, together with a copy of each of the foreign references cited in the International Search Report. The relevance of the non-English references is disclosed in the accompanying English Abstract obtained from the European Patent Office.

DE19111903 describes a horizontal modular refrigerator cabinet consisting of a plurality of U-shaped structural modules of rigid foamed material disposed horizontally side by side such that the side walls of each U-shaped module define the upper and lower walls of the refrigerator cabinet. The refrigeration compartment is closed frontally by doors and laterally by flat panels of the same material with which the modules are made. The said patent does not provide details of how such flat panels are fixed to the ends of the U-shaped modules, which are abuttingly joined to each other. Moreover, such a type of cabinet is suitable more for commercial use (bar, beer houses, etc.) than for domestic use, as the U-shaped elements define a sort of refrigerated counter.

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